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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

Quem mala Stultitia, aut quæcunqui Inſcitia veri,
Cæcum agit, inſanum Chryſippi Porticus, & Græx
Autumat —— Hor.

From *Thurſday May* 18. to *Saturday May* 20. 1710.

From my own Apartment, May 19.

THE Learned *Scotus*, to diſtinguiſh the Race of Mankind, gives every individual of that Species what he calls a Scity, ſomething peculiar to himſelf, which makes him different from all other Perſons in the World. This Particularity renders him either venerable or ridiculous, according as he uſes his Talents, which always grow out into Faults, or improve into Virtues. In the Office I have undertaken, you are to obſerve, that I have hitherto preſented only the more inſignificant and lazy Part of Mankind under the Denomination of Dead Men, together with the Degrees towards Non-Exiſtence, in which others can neither be ſaid to live or be defunct, but are only Animals meerly dreſſed up like Men, and differ from each other but as Flies do by a little Colouring or Fluttering of their Wings. Now as our Diſcourſes heretofore have chiefly regarded the Indolent Part of the Species, it remains that we do Juſtice alſo upon the impertinently Active and Enterprizing. Such as theſe I ſhall take particular Care to place in ſafe Cuſtody, and have uſed all poſſible Diligence to run up my Edifice in *Moorfields* for that Service.

We who are adept in Aſtrology, can impute it to ſeveral Cauſes in the Planets, that this Quarter of our great City is the Region of ſuch Perſons as either never had, or have loſt, the Uſe of Reaſon. It has indeed been Time out of Mind the Receptacle of Fools, as well as Madmen. The Care and Information of the former I aſſign to other learned Men, who have for that End taken up their Habitation in thoſe Parts; as, among others, to the famous Dr. *Trotter*, and my ingenious Friend Dr. *Langham*. Theſe oraculous Proficients are Day and Night employed in deep Searches for the Direction of ſuch as run aſtray after their loſt Goods: But at preſent they are more particularly ſerviceable to their Country, in foretelling the Fate of ſuch as have Chances in the Publick Lottery. Dr. *Langham* ſhows a peculiar Generoſity on this Occaſion, taking only one Half Crown for a Prediction, Eighteen-pence of which to be paid out of the Prizes; which Method the Doctor is willing to comply with in Favour of every Adventurer in the whole Lottery. Leaving therefore the whole Generation of ſuch Enquirers to ſuch *Literati* as I have now mentioned, we are to proceed towards peopling our Houſe, which we have erected with the greateſt Coſt and Care imaginable.

It is neceſſary in this Place to premiſe, That the Superiority and Force of Mind which is born with Men of great Genius, and which, when it falls in with a noble Imagination, is called Poetical Fury, does not come under my Conſideration; but the Pretence to ſuch an Impulſe, without natural Warmth, ſhall be allowed a fit Object of this Charity; and all the Volumes written by ſuch Hands, ſhall be from Time to Time placed in proper Order upon the Rails of the unhouſed Booksellers within the Diſtrict of the College (who have long inhabited this Quarter) in the ſame Manner as they are already diſpoſed ſoon after their Publication. I promiſe my ſelf from theſe Writings my beſt Opiates for thoſe Patients, whoſe high Imaginations and hot Spirits have waked them into Diſtraction. Their boiling Tempers are not to be wrought upon by my Gruels and Julips, but muſt ever be employed, or appear to be ſo, or their Recovery will be impracticable. I ſhall therefore make uſe of ſuch Poets as preſerve ſo conſtant a Mediocrity, as never to elevate the Mind into Joy, or depreſs it into Sadneſs; yet at the ſame Time keep the Faculties of the Readers in Suſpence, tho' they introduce no Idea's of their own. By this Means, a diſordered Mind, like a broken Limb, will recover its Strength, by the ſole Benefit of being out of Uſe, and lying without Motion. But as Reading is not an Entertainment that can take up the full Time of my Patients, I have now in Penſion a proportionable Number of Story-Tellers, who are by Turns to walk about the Galleries of the Houſe, and by their Narrations ſecond the Labours of my pretty good Poets. There are among theſe Story-Tellers ſome that have ſo earneſt Countenances, and weighty Brows, that they will draw a Madman, even when his Fit is juſt coming on, into a Whiſper, and by the Force of Shrugs, Nods, and buſie Geſtures, make him ſtand amazed ſo long, as that we may have Time to give him his Broth without Danger.

But as Fortune has the Poſſeſſion of Men's Minds, a Phyſician may cure all the ſick People of ordinary Degree in the whole Town, and never come into Reputation: I ſhall therefore begin with Perſons of Condition; and the firſt I ſhall undertake ſhall be the Lady *Fidget* the general Viſitant, and *Will Voluble* the fine Talker. Theſe Perſons ſhall be locked up, firſt for the Peace of all whom the one viſits, and all whom the other talks to.

The Paſſion which firſt touched the Brain of both theſe Perſons was Envy, and has had ſuch wonderous Effects, that to this, Lady *Fidget* owes that ſhe is ſo courteous; to this, *Will Voluble* that he is eloquent. *Fidget* has a reſtleſs Torment in hearing of any one's Proſperity, and cannot know any Quiet till ſhe viſits her, and is Eye-Witneſs of ſomething that leſſens it. Thus her Life is a concinual Search after what does not concern her, and her Companions ſpeak kindly even of the Abſent and the Unfortunate to teaze her. She was the firſt that viſited *Flavia* after the Small-Pox, and has never ſeen her ſince, becauſe ſhe is not altered. Call a young Woman handſome in her Company, and ſhe tells you, It is pity ſhe has no Fortune. Say ſhe is rich, and ſhe is as ſorry that ſhe is ſilly. With all this ill Nature, *Fidget* is her ſelf young,

rich,

rich, and handſome; but loſes the Pleaſure of all thoſe Qualities, becauſe ſhe has them in common with others. To make up her Miſery, ſhe is well bred; ſhe hears Commendations till ſhe is ready to faint, for want of venting her ſelf in Contradictions.

This Madneſs is not expreſſed by the Voice, but is uttered in the Eyes and Features. Its firſt Symptom is, upon beholding an agreeable Object, a ſudden Approbation, immediately checked with Diſlike. This Lady I ſhall take the Liberty to conduct into a Bed of Straw and Darkneſs, and have ſome Hopes, that after long Abſence from the Light, the Pleaſure of ſeeing at all may reconcile her to what ſhe ſhall ſee, tho' it proves to be never ſo agreeable.

My Phyſical Remarks on the Diſtraction of Envy in other Perſons, and particularly in *Will Voluble*, is interrupted by a Viſit from Mr. *Kidney*, with Advices which will bring Matter of new Diſturbance to many poſſeſſed with this Sort of Diſorder, which I ſhall publiſh to bring out the Symptoms more kindly, and lay the Diſtemper more open to my View.

St. James's Coffee-houſe, May 19.

This Evening a Mail from *Holland* brought the following Advices.

From the Camp before Doway, May 26. N. S. On the 23d the *French* aſſembled their Army, and encamped with their Right near *Bouchain*, and their Left near *Crevecueur*. Upon this Motion of the Enemy, the Duke of *Marlborough* and Prince *Eugene* made a Movement with their Army on the 24th, and encamped from *Arlieux* to *Vitry* and *Iſez-Eſquerchien*, where they are ſo advantagiouſly poſted, that they not only cover the Siege, ſecure our Convoys of Proviſions, Forage, and Ammunition, from *Liſle* and *Tournay*, and the Canals and Dykes we have made to turn the Water of the *Scarp* and *La Cenſe* to *Bouchain*, but are in a readineſs, by marching from the Right, to poſſeſs themſelves of the Field of Battle marked out betwixt *Vitry* and *Montigny*, or from the Left to gain the Lines of Circumvallation betwixt *Fieren* and *Dechy*: So that whatever Way the Enemy ſhall approach to attack us, whether by the Plains of *Lens*, or by *Bouchain* and *Valenciennes*, we have but a very ſmall Movement to make to poſſeſs our ſelves of the Ground on which it will be moſt advantagious to receive them. The Enemy marched this Morning from their Left, and are encamped with their Right at *Oiſy*, and their Left towards *Arras*, and, according to our Advices, will paſs the *Scarp* to Morrow, and enter on the Plains of *Lens*, tho' ſeveral Regiments of Horſe, the *German* and *Liege* Troops, which are deſtined to compoſe Part of their Army, have not yet joined them. If they paſs the *Scarp*, we ſhall do the like at the ſame Time, to poſſeſs our ſelves with all poſſible Advantage of the Field of Battle. But if they continue where they are, we ſhall not remove, becauſe in our preſent Station we ſufficiently cover from all Inſults both our Siege and Convoys.

Monſieur *Villars* can't yet go without Crutches, and 'tis believed will have much Difficulty to ride. He and the Duke of *Berwick* are to command the *French* Army, the reſt of the Mareſchals being only to aſſiſt in Council.

Laſt Night we entirely perfected Four Bridges over the *Avant Foſſe* at both Attacks; and our Saps are ſo far advanced, that in Three or Four Days Batteries will be raiſed on the Glacis, to batter in Breach both the Outworks and Ramparts of the Town.

Letters from the *Hague* of the 27th *N. S.* ſay, That the Deputies of the States of *Holland*, who ſet out for *Gertruydenberg* on the 23d, to renew the Conferences with the *French* Miniſters, returned on the 26th, and had communicated to the States-General the new Overtures that were made on the Part of *France*, which it is believed, if they are in Earneſt, may produce a General Treaty.

Advertiſements.

MEn's and Women's Morning-Gowns of Silk, Stuff, and Callicoes (being the Goods of Perſons that failed) which were ſold at the Olive-Tree and Still, are now ſold at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over-againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs; with a freſh Parcel at very low Rates, the Prices being ſet on each Gown.

*** **Mr. Madox's Hiſtory of the Exchequer of the** Kings of England is in the Preſs, and will be printed with all convenient Speed. All Perſons who have not yet ſubſcribed for it, are deſired to ſend in their Subſcriptions forthwith to B. Took at the Temple-Gate, and R. Knaplock at the Biſhop's-Head in St. Paul's Church-Yard; where ſeveral Printed Sheets of the Work may be ſeen. The Price to Subſcribers for the large Paper is 35s. and for the ſmall Paper 20s. whereof in Hand 20s. for the large, and 10s. for the ſmall.

*** **On Thurſday next will be publiſhed,** Bibliotheca Anatomica, Medica, Chirurgica, &c. wherein every Part of Man's Body is deſcribed by ſome one or more eminent Phyſician or Chirurgeon. Illuſtrated with many Cuts, done by the beſt Artiſts. This 7th for May contains ſeveral uſeful Tracts about the Bones. Sold by J. Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Where may be had the preceding 6 Months. Note, Atlas Geographus, the 24th, containing Italy, &c. will be publiſhed the laſt of this Month.

*** **There is juſt publiſh'd, Copies and Extracts** of ſome Letters, written to and from the Earl of Danby, (now Duke of Leeds) in the Years 1676, 1677, and 1678. With particular Remarks on ſome of them. Publiſhed by his Grace's Direction. Printed for J. Nicholſon at the Queen's-Arms in Little-Britain, and ſold by J. Morphew near Stationers-Hall. In 8vo. Price 4s. Bound in Calf.

FOR Sale by the Candle, on Wedneſday the 24th Inſtant, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at 6 a Clock in the Afternoon preciſely, 23 Buts and 2 Hogſheads of new Beng-Carlos Barcelona Wine, deep, bright, and ſtrong, neat, an entire Parcel, juſt landed, in a Warehouſe in the dark Gate-way of Galley-Key, between the Cuſtom-Houſe and Tower-Dock; 24 Buts of new very good Sherry Wine, and 10 Buts of new Tent, neat, entire, imported from Cadiz, and juſt landed, in a Cellar in the Alley on Coz Key, between London-bridge and Billingſgate. All the aforeſaid Wines are to be ſeen and taſted on Monday and Tueſday next, from 7 to 1, and from 2 to 7, and on Wedneſday till the Hour of Sale. Catalogues to be had at the Place of Sale, at Holme's Coffee-houſe in Bartholomew Lane on the N. Side of the Royal Exchange, and at Sam's Coffee-houſe next the Cuſtom-Houſe. To be ſold by T. Tomkins, Broker, in Crutched-Fryars.

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*** **Mr. Howel's Synopſis Canonum Eccleſiæ Latinæ, &c,** quibus acceſſerunt, Annotationes quædam Suppletoriæ in Synopſin Canonum Eccleſiæ Græcæ nuper editam, is now finiſhed, and ready to be delivered to Subſcribers, who are deſired to pay their Second Payment, and receive their Books of William Bowyer, Printer, in White-Fryars.

*** **Next Week will be publiſh'd,** Some Remarks upon a Letter, entitl'd, The Preſent State of Trinity College in Cambridge; written by Dr. Bently, now Maſter. By Mr. Miller, Fellow of the College. Sold by John Morphew near Stationers-Hall.

WHereas a tall ſlender young Man, with lank brown Hair, in a light coloured Cloth Suit trimmed with Black and white Buttons, and a looſe great Blue Coat, abſented himſelf from his Maſter's Houſe in Goodman's-fields on Wedneſday the 10th Inſtant: If he will return, or ſend expeditiouſly to his Maſter or Father, he ſhall be kindly received,

BOhee Tea, 16s. a Pound, little inferior to the very beſt Bohee Tea; Chocolate made of the beſt Nuts, ground very fine, 2s. 6d. a Pound; Chocolate with Sugar, 3od. a Pound. Sold by Rob. Fary, Druggiſt, at the Bell in Grace-church-ſtreet.

AT the Hen and Chickens in Bedford-ſtreet, Covent-Garden (up Stairs in the Room where Mrs. Dobſon did live ſome Years ſince) are ſold, the richeſt broad coloured Italian Mantua, at 6s. 9d. per Yard, and Grain Colours in Proportion. As alſo rich black broad Dutch Poudeloys, at 10s. 6d. per Yard; the very richeſt black broad Dutch Poudeſoys, at 11s. per Yard; rich black Dutch Mantua's, rich black Luſtrings of all Sorts, rich black Alamodes, and white Sarſnets; the moſt beautiful rich black broad Italian Mantua, at 7s. per Yard; imported and ſold by Wholeſale or Retale: Likewiſe all other Mercers Goods provided and ſold by Wholeſale or Retale, at the very loweſt Rates, by Peter Guerin.

TO thoſe that are afflicted with the STONE and GRAVEL; Theſe are to certify whom it may concern, That I Anthony Moring, (who keep the Blue-Poſts Eating-Houſe juſt without Temple-Bar) having been for about Two Years very much afflicted with the Stone and Gravel, was adviſed by a Neighbour of mine, (from whom it had brought away 13 Stones) to try the Powder that is ſold by Mr. Rogers in Fleet ſtreet, and Mr. Aylmer in Cornhil, Booksellers, for that Diſtemper; which I did, and found ſuch Succeſs from the Uſe of it, that it brought away lately from me 9 Stones, 3 of which were very large, which I have by me, ready to ſhow to any one that deſires to ſee them. Since which Time, I have continued very well. Witneſs my Hand this 21th of Febr. 1709-10. *Anthony Moring*

Sold by *John Morphew* near *Stationers-Hall*; where Advertiſements are taken in.